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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Amend claims 6, 7, 8, 9-11, 16 and 17, and add new claim 18, as follows:

**Claims 1-5 (Cancelled).**

**Claim 6 (Currently amended):** A packaged food comprising:

a food comprising an aqueous solution enclosed in a container; and

a container comprising:

    a plastic sheet comprising a surface portion;

    at least one vent hole provided in said surface portion; and

    at least one hole-sealing sheet for sealing said vent hole, comprising:

        a base material; and

        a pressure sensitive adhesive layer provided on said base material for attaching said hole-sealing sheet to said surface portion surrounding said vent hole, consisting of:

            a styrene butadiene-based rubber;

            an acryl-based rubber; and

            a rosin-based or a petroleum resin-based material,

wherein said hole-sealing sheet possess possesses both pressure sensitive and thermosensitive properties, and has a vertical peeling strength of not less than 1 N/cm at a temperature in

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the range of 40°C or lower, and has a vertical peeling strength of no higher than 0.1 N/cm at a temperature in the range of 80°C or higher.

**Claim 7 (Currently amended):** A container for packaging food, comprising:

- a plastic sheet comprising a surface portion;
- at least one vent hole provided in said surface portion; and
- at least one hole-sealing sheet for sealing said vent hole, comprising:
  - a base material; and
  - a pressure sensitive adhesive layer provided on said base material for attaching said hole-sealing sheet to said surface portion surrounding said vent hole, consisting of:
    - a styrene butadiene-based rubber;
    - an acryl-based rubber; and
    - a rosin-based or a petroleum resin-based material,

wherein said hole-sealing sheet possess possesses both pressure sensitive and thermo-sensitive properties, and has a vertical peeling strength of not less than 1 N/cm at a temperature in the range of 40°C or lower, and has a vertical peeling strength of no higher than 0.1 N/cm at a temperature in the range of 80°C or higher.

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**Claim 8 (Currently amended):** The container for packaging food, of claim 7, wherein said at least one vent hole is centrally located in said plastic sheet.

**Claim 9 (Currently amended):** The container for packaging food, of ~~any one of claims~~ claim 7 or 8, wherein said pressure sensitive adhesive layer of said hole-sealing sheet, has an uneven width ~~and is provided on said base material such that said pressure sensitive adhesive layer covers a periphery of said vent hole.~~

**Claim 10 (Currently amended):** The container for packaging food, of ~~any one of claims~~ claim 7 or 9, wherein said base material comprises a white chemical paper.

**Claim 11 (Currently amended):** The container for packaging food, of ~~any one of claims~~ 2 or claim 9, wherein a center position of said vent hole is slightly misaligned with a center position of said hole-sealing sheet.

**Claim 12 (Previously Presented):** The container for packaging food of claim 7, said plastic sheet comprising one or more materials selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, polyester, polysulfone, polyamide, and polycarbonate.

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**Claim 13 (Previously Presented):** The container for packaging food of claim 7, said plastic sheet comprising a laminated sheet comprising one or more materials selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, polyester, polysulfone, polyamide, and polycarbonate, and a material selected from the group consisting of polyacrylate, polyvinylidene chloride, and polyvinyl alcohol.

**Claim 14 (Previously Presented):** The container for packaging food of claim 7, said base material comprising polyester or polypropylene.

**Claim 15 (Previously Presented):** The container for packaging food of claim 14, said hole-sealing sheet further comprising aluminum deposited thereon to reflect microwaves.

**Claim 16 (Currently amended):** The container for packaging food of claim 15, wherein said hole-sealing sheet is colorless.

**Claim 17 (Currently amended):** The container for packaging food of claim 15, wherein said hole-sealing sheet is white.

**Claim 18 (New):** A container for packaging food, comprising:  
a plastic sheet comprising a surface portion;

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at least one vent hole provided in said surface portion; and

a hole-sealing sheet for sealing said vent hole; and

a pressure sensitive adhesive layer provided between said hole-sealing sheet and said surface portion in a region surrounding said vent hole, such that a non-adhesive portion is present immediately around said vent hole; and

wherein said hole-sealing sheet possesses both pressure sensitive and thermo-sensitive properties, and has a vertical peeling strength of not less than 1 N/cm at a temperature in the range of 40°C or lower, and has a vertical peeling strength of no higher than 0.1 N/cm at a temperature in the range of 80°C or higher.